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—Harold M. Lambert Photo

*Going On A Picnic? Splendid
Hope You Have A Good Time*

The Student's Stewardship Through the Local Church

By DR. DALE COWLING

My church is God's institution in the present day, commissioned to keep on doing the kind of work that Jesus did while He was on earth. That task was and is four-fold: to seek, to teach, to save, and to utilize every last man on earth. The local Baptist Church attempts to fulfill all four phases of this responsibility. Through the Sunday School we seek and teach. Through the Training Union, Missionary organizations, and Brotherhood we train and utilize.

Where Begin?

No other organization on earth can begin to compare with the church in purpose and practice. There are some other good organizations with good purposes, but not one could begin to take the place of Christ's church. Whether we recognize it or not, the church has been, is now, and always shall be the foundation of all of the fundamental and essential values in life.

But the church depends upon you and other redeemed souls like you for complete support. The fact that it is God's holy institution does not mean that it is maintained on manna from heaven. Your local church is dependent upon you for support! Yes, even you, a college student.

Remember that our Savior said, "Begin in Jerusalem." Did it ever occur to you that the reason He said Jerusalem first was because that was where they were just then? Your Jerusalem changed when you moved to the college community to live. Under His commission you are responsible to begin your Christian service right where you are now.

The College Student

"But as a college student I have very little money," you say. Granted immediately. So did a poor widow have very, very little, yet she won the warm praise of our Lord for the way she used it. Christ Jesus is most concerned with the attitude of heart. Surely it is no different for the college student, to count his meager pennies and decide that he must save the money to invest in other needs, than for the business man to count his dollars and decide that he cannot afford to tithe because other investments call him. The College student, who recognizes his stewardship and gives his pennies even when he cannot afford to do so, will become the business man who will give his dollars to the Lord as his first financial obligation.

We must realize that there is no difference in the church member's stewardship obligation whether he is a college student or a business man. That is one of the joys in the Biblical doctrine of the tithe. Rich man, poor man, young man, old man, student or graduate, the basic duty is the same and the smile of God upon the faithful Christian has the same brightness.

Another thing to consider is the fact that when a number of us give our pennies into the common storehouse of our church they soon become dollars. They have a way of joining hands and embracing the world with the warm heart-beat of Christ Jesus.

Student Today, Business Man Tomorrow

Last year in one college center in Arkansas around two hundred and fifty students joined the college city churches. Most of these joined the First Baptist Church. These students in the First Baptist Church gave, through the regular Sunday School envelopes, approximately five thousand dollars in nine months! In one of the smaller churches which had a total budget of approximately five

thousand dollars, the students gave fifteen hundred dollars! So you see the student pennies, through God's storehouse may become strong dollars and span the world for the glory of God.

Please don't forget! More than likely you will be the same kind of steward of God's money tomorrow that you are today. If it is too expensive for you to tithe through your local college church as a student, then it will probably always remain so. If you have found the joy of tithing and trusting God for your needs as a student, then you will never consider doing less, not even if you make a million! You will always thrill at the thought that you are faithfully helping your church to carry on the work of the Lord.

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Free Folder On Converted Priests

Newspapers recently carried the startling story of Luciano Negrini, an Italian priest who resigned from the Roman Catholic priesthood and married his American sweetheart. After trying vainly to entice Mr. Negrini back into the priesthood, the Roman Catholic Church used its influence to prevent the couple from obtaining any kind of employment or aid in Italy. Mr. Negrini and his bride were both close to starvation when the English press got hold of the story and released it to newspapers around the world. An Englishman read about the couple's plight and provided their passage to England. Christ's Mission, of New York City, is now aiding the Negrinis financially until they can recover their health and find employment.

Dr. Walter M. Montano, Executive Director of Christ's Mission, says:

"The Negrini incident is just one of hundreds of cases of ex-priests or their families being persecuted by the Church of Rome. Many priests, when they leave the Church, must use fictitious names to prevent the Church from persecuting them. Christ's Mission has just published a folder, **Five Priests Travel The Long Road From Bondage To Freedom**, which tells the thrilling true stories of five former Roman Catholic priests who left the Church and found salvation in the Lord Jesus alone. One of these priests cannot use his real name, but writes under a pseudonym to avoid exposing loved ones in Italy to persecution by the Roman Catholic Church."

The folder gives a revealing picture of the plight of the Roman Catholic priests—those still in the Church who are dissatisfied and those who have had the courage to leave it. Copies of the folder may be obtained free of charge by writing to Christ's Mission, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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Pastor Has Little To Say At Wedding

The Baptist pastor of Mount Herman church near Clarksville, Tennessee, had little to say when he performed the wedding of Miss Wilmouth Joyce Powell and Fred Dies, Jr., recently. He spoke only the sentence which pronounced them man and wife.

The young couple themselves performed the ceremony. They asked each other the questions, read the scripture together, and exchanged the rings. Then Fulton Robertson, pastor, officially tied the knot.

—Baptist Press.

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The sight of a drunkard is a better sermon against that vice than the best sermon that was ever preached on that subject.

The Ministry of Trouble

A Devotion by the Editor

"Let not your heart be troubled."

By this admonition Jesus acknowledges the presence of trouble. In fact, He told His disciples frankly that they would have trouble in the world. But He urges that they do not allow their heart-life to be disturbed by trouble.

A certain man said to another: "I have always supposed that if one become a Christian, he would escape many of the misfortunes which come to others, and would lead a life of peace and prosperity. Indeed, I believe there is some kind of a promise that all things shall work together for good to them that love God. But since you have become a Christian, it seems that you have fared worse than you did before. First you lost your property; next your wife had a long illness; then a broken knee laid you up for six months, and when you got up you had a stiff leg for life. If God is so good to His people as you say He is, why does He permit these disasters to come upon you?"

And the Christian man replied: "I don't know that I can account for these things to your satisfaction, but I think I can to my own. You know I am a blacksmith, I often put a piece of steel into the fire and bring it to white heat. Next I plunge it into water and suddenly change the temperature. Then I put it into the fire, and again into the water. This I repeat several times. Then I lay it on the anvil and hammer it and bend it, and make some useful article which I put into a carriage where it will do good service for twenty-five years. If, however, when I first strike it on the anvil I think it will not take a temper, I throw it on the scrap heap and sell it for a quarter of a cent a pound.

"Now I believe that my heavenly Father has been testing me to see if I will take a temper. He has put me into the fire and into the water; He has laid me on the anvil and hammered me and rasped me. I have tried to bear it just as patiently as I could, and my daily prayer has been, 'Lord, put me into the fire if you will; put me into the water if you think I need it; do anything you please, Lord, only for Christ's sake, don't throw me into the scrap heap!'"

Dr. F. B. Meyer has said, "Indeed, it doubtful if any life reaches its prime, unfolds all its beauty, unless there has been some dark hours in which cries of pain have borne witness to the troubled heart." (Exposition of John 1:12).

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1.

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From The Editor's Desk

Arrested Growth

Nothing is more pitiable or heart-wrenching than to see a child whose growth is arrested—a child, though he reaches adulthood in years but not in mental and physical development.

Babes In Christ

Is it less tragic when one's spiritual growth is arrested and God's children remain in spiritual childhood instead of growing to mature men and women in the Lord?

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews chides the Hebrew Christians saying, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principals of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." He is saying that these Christians have not grown in spiritual stature, that they must continue to be fed on an infant's diet. "For everyone that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: For he is a babe." A newborn babe in Christ gives hope and promise of the development of a mature Christian. When that promise goes unfulfilled and one remains a babe in Christ, it is enough to wrench our hearts and bring grief to our Lord Himself.

This arrested growth of the Christian may manifest itself in any number of ways. It often reveals itself in opposition to progressive programs in the local church. There are persons in the local church membership who put on the brakes when some progressive movement gets under way and the church is attempting to launch a progressive and expanding program. Such opposition to an expanding and progressive program indicates that one has failed to keep step with progress, he has become static in his thinking and non-progressive in his attitudes.

The Closed Mind

In order for the Christian to continue to grow and develop his spiritual strength in the Lord's service, he must be alert and maintain an open mind toward all programs and movements that promise progress and advance. The closed mind ceases to grow, in fact it begins to shrink and becomes unelastic and unyielding. These are definite signs of arrested growth.

Jesus gave the parable of the wine skins, saying that if you pour new wine into old wine skins that have become hard and unelastic, the fermentation of the new wine will cause an expansion which will break the hard, unelastic wine skins and therefore both the wine and the wine skins will be lost. The new wine of the gospel or more accurately the new truths of the gospel message are expansive elements in our spiritual lives. Therefore, we cannot afford to allow our thought molds and our spiritual conceptions to become hard and unelastic. We must constantly keep an open mind for new understandings of the revealed word of God and for new revelations of his kingdom program in the world, and for new opportunities of service and for new methods of promoting his kingdom causes.

A deacon once remarked in a church conference, when a new proposition was offered for the consideration of the church, "I never saw it did like that before." It is unfortunate that some people in our Christian ranks are unwilling to try any new program or admit the worthwhileness of any new movement, if they never "saw it did that way before." Something new becomes at once heretical and must be resisted with even greater energy than the promotion of the accepted

program of the Lord's service. A retired farmer remarked that if he were farming now, he wouldn't allow a tractor to come on to his farm, he would use mules. Well, this farmer was living in the past. Perhaps it was fortunate that he had retired, since he couldn't keep pace with modern methods of farming. By the same logic it might be an advantage to the kingdom of God and the progressive movements in the church if those who oppose such progressive movements would retire or resign and not undertake to block the progress of the kingdom of the Lord.

Boosters or Critics

In order to continue to grow spiritually, we must admit that we have not learned all the truths in God's word, that we have not submitted ourselves to the leadership of the Holy Spirit with sufficient abandon to enable Him to direct us in Christian service, that we have not discovered all the methods by which we may enlarge our service to our Lord. The improvement in modern church facilities, the improvement in communication facilities and in transportation, have expanded the possibilities of our Christian service. This expansion of the facilities for service and the consequent progress in our service program is not confined to the local church but extends to the entire denominational constituency and includes the entire denominational program. Therefore, we must quicken our step in order to keep up with the progress or we'll find ourselves on the sideline with narrow conceptions of kingdom progress which will turn us into critics and faultfinders instead of boosters and workers. Those who cannot or will not keep up with progress inevitably become critics. And those who become critical of progress become unhappy, they lose the joy of Christian service, and become a party to dissensions instead of promoting the harmonious co-operation in ever-expanding programs of service to the Lord.

Let us not remain babes in Christ, but let us grow to maturity by taking advantage of every opportunity, facility, and method of advancing the cause of our Lord.

This Is The Army

The following report from the National Temperance League, Inc., as reported in *The Survey Bulletin* by J. P. Edmunds of the Sunday School Board, is most alarming:

According to the National Temperance League, Inc., reports from Army medical authorities in Germany say that 'chronic alcoholism among young American soldiers in Germany has increased to alarming proportions.' Hospital wards are 'cramped with between 19 and 25 who have been pronounced unfit for duty because of alcoholism.' Reasons for the upsurge were attributed largely to the fact that Army clubs for enlisted men serve almost unlimited amounts of hard drinks."

But in spite of this condition in the Army, Army personnel and the administration in Washington have made desperate efforts to establish Universal Military Training and equip every young man of the nation in the Army. This movement has been defeated as far as we know. But we may be sure that the advocates of Universal Military Training are not sleeping and that they will watch their chances to pass this Universal Military Training legislation through the National Congress.

Such conditions as are described in this report of the National Temperance League, Inc., is an affront to every American home and a threat to the moral stability of the nation.

Catholic School Issue Discussed In Public Meeting

Catholics of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, have asked the town to allocate the regular school tax paid by them for the upkeep of parochial schools. The Catholics claim that they were paying double for the education of their children: They were paying the regular school tax and then they were paying for the support of their parochial schools.

A public meeting was held for the discussion of the issue and in this public meeting A. Stanley Hart, Anglican minister, replying to this charge of double taxation by the Catholics, said, "If Catholics pay double taxes it is by their own choice." Mr. Hart meant, of course, that the public schools are provided for all children and if the Catholics are unwilling to send their children to the public schools and establish their own parochial schools, they are, therefore, imposing upon themselves the financial responsibility for supporting their own schools.

The Ministerial Association threatened to take the matter into the courts if the school board approved the plan of taking over the parochial schools and paying the bills while leaving the school management and teaching force in the hands of the Catholics. These Catholic schools are staffed by the Sisters of Charity.

Catholic Hospitals In England

We have stated before that the Roman Catholic Church follows a world-wide and prominent policy of seeking tax funds for its church schools. The same it seems is true with regard to Catholic hospitals.

According to a news release from Religious News Service it seems that sectarian hospitals which receive government funds are included in the "state-controlled hospital system." The hospital seems also to be under the control of "regional boards, which . . . have" direction over "their affairs."

All this would indicate that if the Catholic hospitals receive government money the hospitals must submit to control by these regional boards. Because of this situation, Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, has declared that Catholics must endeavor, "by voluntary contributions," to keep their hospitals under Catholic management.

But here in the United States our government is handing out millions of dollars of tax money which comes from all the American people to Catholic hospitals and, of course, leaving those hospitals wholly under Catholic management. Catholic hospitals should be under Catholic management but Catholic hospitals should not receive tax money.

Kingdom Progress

First Church, Jacksonville, Breaks Ground For New Building



First Church, Jacksonville, broke ground on May 11, for the construction of a new church building.

Pastor R. J. McMillan reports that the first unit to be constructed will include an auditorium with a seating capacity of 500; class rooms for the adult department; pastor's study; secretary's office, kitchen, and

sound proof nursery.

The building will be solid masonry with inside walls of Haydite blocks and the outside walls of Batesville cut stone.

The estimated cost of construction for this unit is \$50,000. Clyde E. Ferrell is the architect and Morris Justice, Jacksonville, is the contractor.

Mission Building Dedicated

The new auditorium of the Chickasaw Mission, of First Church, McGehee, was dedicated Sunday, June 29.

The new building has a seating capacity of 300 and was erected at a cost of \$10,000. Former pastor of the mission, William H. Travis, Ft. Worth, Texas, preached the dedicatory sermon. A basket lunch was served at the noon hour.

Pastor Theo T. James, First Church, McGehee, was the speaker for the afternoon service, and Pastor Allen McCurry, Second Church, Monticello, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The Chickasaw Mission was started in the fall of 1945, by First Church, McGehee. Early in 1946, Pastor James began preaching in the homes in the community. Then a vacant farm house was secured in which services were held for some time. In 1948 a building was purchased by First Church, McGehee, and was moved to a location donated by a family in Chickasaw community.

William H. Travis became the first mission pastor. A Sunday School was organized with 26 charter members, later a Training Union was organized.

The organization soon outgrew the building and First Church, McGehee, bought an additional half acre of land joining the half acre which had been previously given, and started a movement to construct an adequate auditorium for the mission. Work on the new building, which was dedicated June 29, was started last March.

William West is the present pastor of the mission, having accepted the work on September 1, 1951. A full time program is maintained, including two preaching ser-

vices on Sunday, midweek prayer services, Sunday School, W.M.U. work, and Training Union. The Sunday School had grown from the original enrolment of 26 to the present enrolment of 169.

First Church, McGehee, also maintains the Trippe Junction Mission.

Ouachita Activity

The remodeling of North Dormitory, a mens' dormitory at Ouachita, is almost complete after several months of work. Halls have been painted and tile put on the floors, all the rooms have been repainted and the building has been rewired. New study desks are now being built for the dormitory.

Work on the new J. R. Grant Administration Building and the boys' dormitory at Ouachita is progressing nicely. The foundations are being laid in preparation for the main part of the construction.

West Helena Bible School

The showing of the missionary picture, "In His Name," climaxed the Vacation Bible School commencement exercises of the West Helena Church on Friday night, June 13.

The enrolment in the school reached a total of 344 with an average attendance of 238. There were 15 professions of faith, and an offering of \$43.58 which was forwarded to Doctor Bridges.

The Bible School workers had charge of the prayer meeting hour on each of the Wednesday evenings during the two weeks that the school was in session.

Boyd Goes To Memphis



J. L. BOYD, JR.

Pastor J. L. Boyd Jr. has resigned the pastorate of First Church, DeWitt, to accept the pastorate of the Hollywood Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, and assumed his new duties July 1.

Pastor Boyd had been with the DeWitt church for three years. During his ministry there 206 persons were received into the membership of the church, 143 by baptism, and 63 by letter.

Allocations to the Cooperative Program for the church budget has increased during Pastor Boyd's ministry at DeWitt from \$1,200 a year to \$1,968. The members of the church have assumed the support of two foreign missionaries. A new educational building now under construction is expected to be completed soon.

Mr. Boyd held pastorates in Louisiana and Mississippi before coming to DeWitt. He holds a Th. M. degree from the Baptist Bible Institute, now New Orleans Theological Seminary, and completed his resident work for the Th. D. degree at the same institution. He taught in the New Orleans seminary for three years, and during his pastorate at DeWitt he has served as part-time teacher at Mid-South Bible Institute at Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have two children, J. L. III, age 6, and David Watts, age 4.

Pastor Resigns To Enter Seminary

M. L. May has resigned the pastorate of Raynor's Grove Church, near Wynne, to enter Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Pastor May has been with the Raynor's Grove Church 20 months, during which time 55 persons have been received into the membership of the church, 47 on profession of faith and baptism.

During the pastorate of Mr. May at Raynor's Grove, the indebtedness on the church building was liquidated, a new piano purchased, and a pastor's home was built. During his ministry there, Pastor May was a student in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

For Sale—\$450

One 1,000 gallon butane tank, slightly used. Excellent for church or school. Reason for selling — converting our church to natural gas.

Contact: Rev. R. J. McMillan
First Baptist Church
Jacksonville, Ark.

Indian Evangelist Aids Markham Street Church



ALLAN MORRIS

Allan Morris, Fox and Sac Indian, of Cushing, Oklahoma, is assisting Markham Street Church, Little Rock, in revival services which began July 6 and will continue through July 19. Mr. Morris is a brother to Sam Morris, both of whom have done notable work among the Indians in Oklahoma. Mr. Morris was converted on the battle field during World War II.

Pastor John A. Augustine reports that Markham Street Church has outgrown their building facilities, having begun a mission of Woodlawn Church in July, 1950, with 40 charter members, the membership is now 92; 26 have been received for baptism, and 26 by letter. The mission was organized into a church on June 10, 1951.

Beech Street, Gurdon Has Good Revival

Pastor Dale McCoy and Beech Street Church, Gurdon, were assisted in a revival meeting recently by Minor E. Cole, First Church, Dumas. There were five additions to the church by baptism and three by letter.

Pastor C. D. Sallee, First Church, Batesville, had charge of the song services, and Miss Rose Arzoomanian was soloist.

Pastoral Change

Pastor L. A. Tribble has resigned the pastorate at New Hope Church, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, to accept the pastorate of Calvary Church, Benton. Pastor Tribble began his duties with the Benton church, June 15.

Delta Association Camp

The Delta Association conducted a camp at Keener, Snyder, July 16-23. Associational missionary W. O. Taylor was the director. Other program personnel included Pastor Bonnie Lasater, evangelist; George Hink, bible lecturer; Harold O'Bryan, morning watch; Melvin Greer, song leader; Ruth Barlow and Carolyn Parris, pianists; Bob Pickson and E. Harris, directors of recreation.

Courses in Training Union and Sunday school work and mission study were conducted.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Vacation Bible Schools

Hoxie Church, enrolment 144; average attendance 106; offering \$10, sent to the Orphanage. J. V. Chandler is the pastor.

Eudora Church, enrolment 200; average attendance 165; mission offering \$55.34; Dillard Miller, pastor.

South Side, Pine Bluff, enrolment 311; average attendance 258; Lloyd A. Sparkman is the pastor.

First Church, England, enrolment 154; mission offering \$29.70; Luther Dorsey, pastor.

First Church, Mena, Mission School, enrolment 66; average attendance 42; Richard Perkins is the mission pastor.

First Church, Warren, enrolment 263; Cooperative Program offering \$63; four professions of faith; Gerald W. Trussell, pastor.

First Church, Sparkman, 75 enrolled; 55 average attendance; C. H. Seaton, pastor.

Calvary Church, Benton, was host to the quarterly Training Union rally of Central Association on Thursday night, June 26. Pastor R. B. Crofts, Third Church, Malvern, was in charge of the program and Pastor Edward Anderson of the Piney Church delivered the message of "What A Training Union Means To A Church."

First Church, Rogers, Rel Gray, pastor, is planning an additional unit to their educational building to take care of the graded nursery department and an adult department.

Mr. R. G. LeTourneau, internationally known industrialist and Christian statesman, addressed a mass meeting at the Beech Street Church, Texarkana, at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 29. This meeting was sponsored by the pastors and churches of Texarkana and surrounding area. Mr. LeTourneau also spoke to the Tri-County Associational Brotherhood, July 1 at Wynne.

Dr. R. G. Lee was the guest speaker of the Woodruff County Brotherhood, Tuesday, June 24. The program was held in First Church, Augusta.

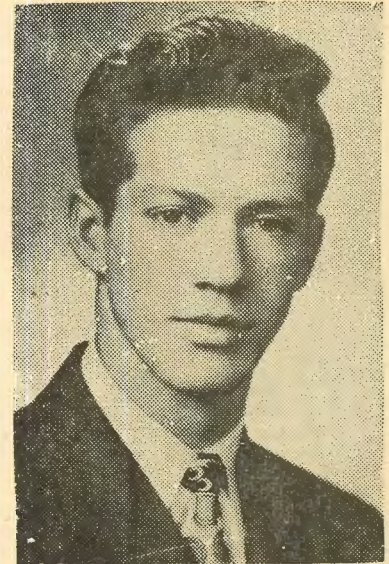
Evangelist Eddie Wagner of Little Rock recently assisted Pastor Larkin M. Andrews and the Friendship Church of Jacksonville in a series of revival services. The music was under the direction of the pastor.

There were eleven conversions during the meeting, five new tithers pledged and four new family altars established.

Dr. John E. Huss has been pastor of the Southside Baptist Church of Spartanburg, South Carolina, for two years and five months. During this period he has conducted three hundred services and received 1,203 persons into the fellowship of the church. There have been only twelve services out of the three hundred conducted by Pastor Huss in which no one responded for church membership.

O. C. Robinson Jr., an Arkansan, was recently elected by First Church, Dallas, Texas, as minister of missions. In addition to his duties as pastor of the Truett Memorial Chapel, which is maintained by First Church, Dallas, he will be in charge of the other missions, helping the leaders of each with their plans and problems.

Goes To Seminary



BILL H. LEWIS

Pastor Bill H. Lewis has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Alexander, to enter the Southwestern Seminary. Lewis, a graduate of Ouachita College, became pastor of the Alexander church when it was organized eleven months ago. The church developed from a mission established by the Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

The Alexander church was organized with 53 charter members. Since its organization 47 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church bringing the total membership to 100.

The Alexander church recently purchased a home for the pastor and also twelve lots on which will be situated the future church building.

Tull Assists First Church, Ward

Mr. Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary, assisted Pastor Ernest Baker and the First Church, Ward, in a revival meeting, June 22-29.

There were fifteen additions to the church by baptism and two by letter, bringing the total received into the church during the three years of Pastor Baker's ministry at Ward to 118, 65 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism. Three others are awaiting baptism, two young people surrendered for special Christian service.

Caudle Ave., Springdale Receives 15 Members

A two weeks revival at the Caudle Avenue Church, Springdale, resulted in 15 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism. Three other decisions for Christ were made by persons who are uniting with other churches.

Pastor Roe Matthews and the Caudle Avenue Church had the assistance of Dr. W. L. Muncy Jr. the first week of the meeting.

Dr. Muncy is professor of missions in the Central Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. During the second week Andrew H. Foster, minister to the migrants, was the visiting evangelist.

Pastoral Change

Ezra Willard has resigned the pastorate of Oakwood Church, North Little Rock, to move to Batesville. During his pastorate of eleven months at Oakwood, fifteen members were received into the church by baptism, and 25 by letter.



Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

Defeated Political Candidate Blasts Clergymen

A defeated candidate for the Republican nomination as Iowa attorney general charged that clergymen throughout the state had violated the principle of Church-State separation by campaigning for the incumbent, Robert Larson.

The charge was made by Chester C. Yeaman of Sioux City, whom Mr. Larson defeated by a wide margin in the recent primary.

In an open letter, Mr. Yeaman said the ministers committed the "dastardly act" of "campaigning from the pulpit for my opponent and in so doing were campaigning directly against me."

"This device of campaigning, in my opinion, not only was in violation of the constitution, separating the Church from the State," he said, "but hit an all-time low as far as political decency is concerned."

In Des Moines, Mr. Larson said he "ran on my record in office." He added that if the ministers campaigned for him he was "delighted to hear it."

This was not the first time that church groups have supported Larson for office.

Two years ago, the Ministerial Association in Iowa City went on record as endorsing his renomination as attorney general in the state primary election.

At that time, an Association resolution adopted by pastors of nine denominations praised Mr. Larson for his concerted drive against gambling in the state.

In 1948, the attorney general began a continuing campaign against gambling which resulted in the closing down of most such activities in Iowa, especially the operation of slot machines.

Koje Island Outbreaks Held Directed Against Christian Gains

Recent outbreaks in the Koje Island prison camp are evidence that Christianity and democracy are gaining ground there, Dr. Harold E. Fey of Chicago, managing editor of *The Christian Century*, told the annual meeting of the Kansas Methodist Conference.

Noting that the incidents had occurred in only a few of the nearly 100 compounds on Koje he said that they represented "a final, determined effort by a hard core of Communists" to prevent Christianity and democracy, "which already have won over 100,000 of the 140,000 prisoners in the compounds," from winning all of them.

The editor, who recently visited Korea, said that Christianity was making great strides among Koreans and that he had seen an outdoor night religious meeting at which 9,000 persons had to use flashlights to read the words of hymns they were singing.

"The Korean Christians themselves are doing a great work toward leading their people to both Christianity and democracy," Dr. Fey said. "The very fact that there have been 5,000 Christian martyrs in Korea during the past few years seems only to have increased the zeal of Christians there."

Montreal Court Rules Store Closing By-Law Illegal

A city by-law requiring retail stores to close on Roman Catholic holy days was ruled illegal by Montreal Superior Court.

Judge Arthur I. Smith held that the by-law, under which hundreds of stores have been charged with infringements, deals with criminal matters and as such encroaches upon a field of legislation reserved exclusively to the federal parliament.

Seven large department stores initiated the court action to have the ordinance declared illegal.

Comparing the observance of holy days with that of Sunday, Judge Smith said that laws regarding Sunday fall within the legislative powers of the federal parliament rather than of the province.

He said the statute (regarding the holy days) . . . "is of exactly the same nature as if it had related to Sunday observance, and is therefore a matter of criminal law and within the exclusive legislative competence of the federal parliament."

Judge Smith noted that the by-law was directed solely at six holy days of obligation for Roman Catholics. This convinced the court, he said, that its object was to compel the observance of these days.

The judge also cited letters addressed to the mayor of Montreal by the Archbishop of Montreal and other Catholic leaders which he said further underscored the religious purpose of the city in passing the by-law.

General Baptists Map Evangelistic Drive

Plans for an evangelistic campaign in 1953 to counter "disturbing conditions in both the world and in ecclesiastical realms" were made at the 21st annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, a fundamentalist body.

The program is based on a four-point plan to spark "a mighty spiritual awakening" among churches of the association.

Included in the plan is the publication of the first Sunday School periodicals in the association's history and the initiative of a nation-wide Baptist Volunteer Crusade in which young people will be asked to devote a year exclusively to church work.

The principal phase of the campaign provides for simultaneous two-week evangelistic campaigns and "every-member" visitations to be conducted in all association churches in the Midwest states next November. Similar campaigns will be conducted on the West Coast in February, and in the East in April.

Presbyterians Approve Record Budget

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., at its annual meeting here, approved a record benevolence budget of \$19,086,000, an increase of \$135,436 over last year's total.

Earmarked for national missions was \$7,683,276; for foreign missions, \$6,428,298. Another \$2,873,972 was allotted to Christian Education.

A Smile or Two

Quartet: Four people who think the other three can't sing.

Young and experienced father looking at triplets the nurse had just brought out: "We'll take the one in the middle."

She: "This is something I made out of my new cook book."

He: "Then what I'm chewing must be a bit of the binding!"

Prof: "What three words are used most by college students?"

Student: "I don't know."

Prof: "That's correct."

Small Betty: "I found a horseshoe this morning."

Mother: "Do you know what that means?"

Small Betty: "Yes, it means that some horse is running around in his stocking feet."

When we were first married you were only too glad to wipe the dishes.

I know, but that was when we had only two dishes.

-Ex.

Neighbor: "When is your sister thinking of getting married?"

Little Brother: "Constantly."

The teacher was explaining the difference between the stately rose and the modest violet.

"You see, children," she said, "a beautiful well-dressed woman walks along the street, but she is proud and does not greet anybody—that is the rose. But behind her comes a small creature with bowed head—"

"Yes, I know," Tommy interrupted. "That's her husband."

Little Amelia (saying her prayers)— "Please, Lord, take care of Papa, take care of Mamma, take care of Grandma; and be sure to take care of yourself, or else we're sunk!"

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, "can you tell me what a hypocrite is?"

"Yes, Miss," replied Johnny. "It's a boy what comes to school with a smile on his face."

A mysterious country, India—where cow is sacred, but not because it sells \$1.50 a pound and up.

Several years ago the word "gobbledygook" was hailed as an inspired invention. More recently, a gentleman received an award for coining "bafflegab." For my part, I prefer the word a 5-year-old used when asked, of an adult conversation: "I can't understand them; they're talking scribble."

-Quote

A small boy, being asked by his teacher to write briefly concerning the manners and customs of the people of India, chewed his pencil for five minutes and then wrote: "They ain't got no manners and they we no customs."

"Who started the 40-hour week?"

"Robinson Crusoe. He had all his work done by Friday."

News From Baptist Press

Arkansas, SBC Baptisms For 1951

Arkansas Baptist churches averaged baptizing one new member for every seventeen members already on their rolls in 1951, according to figures from the office of J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Their total baptisms for 1951 were 14,612 about 200 less than their 1950 report. According to church classifications, the best ratio of baptisms to membership was found in the village and open country churches, both having a ratio of fifteen plus in memberships to each baptism. Nearly 3,500 were baptised in open country churches, 1,687 in village churches, 2,389 in town churches and over 7,000 in city and city suburban churches.

The records of all Southern Baptist Convention churches reporting for the year show that 375,525 persons were baptized into the churches in 1951, or one baptism for every nineteen and a half members of the 28,289 churches.

In the city churches, baptisms rose 6.2 per cent over the 1950 total but a slight percentage decrease is shown in town, village and open country churches. The best ratio of baptisms to the church membership is in the city suburban church, a new classification this year, where there was one baptism for each twelve and a half members. The city churches reported an average of one for each nineteen members.

A new statistic in the 1951 report shows that 3,557 Catholics were baptized into the membership of Southern Baptist churches during the year. Nearly 2,500 of them were in city churches and over 300 were in open country churches.

During the report year, city churches baptized 177,339; city suburban churches, 8,233; town, 55,601; village, 39,102, and open country, 95,250.

Music, Education Director Gets 4D Draft Status

President Truman has opened the way for an equal draft status of Southern Baptist ministers and ministers of music and education by recently authorizing a 4D classification for Roy E. Holder, minister of music and education of the McGill Street Baptist Church in Concord, N. C.

Holder's new classification is the first known one granted a Southern Baptist full-time lay religious worker since the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, Florida, recently, voted to petition the selective Service Headquarters in Washington, D. C., to "authorize the same deferment classification for our full-time denominationally-certified, vocational lay religious workers as that accorded similar workers in other denominations, if the individual so desires such classification. . . ."

Holder's draft board in High Point, N. C., sent a notice of his new status to Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, stating that the reclassification had been on presidential order.

A second clause in the petition sent by the Baptists to Selective Service Headquarters asked for "the same classification to our students in college, seminaries, and training schools who are preparing for full-time lay religious work and who are properly certified by their denomination, if the individual so desires such classification."

State University Accredits Grand Canyon College

Grand Canyon College, Arizona's Baptist college in Phoenix, is now accredited by the University of Arizona, according to an announcement made by Dr. B. O. Herring, president of Grand Canyon.

The accreditation was announced June 5 in a letter to Dr. Herring from C. Zaner Leshner, registrar and director of admissions at the University, and came shortly after the Advisory Council of the University sent an inspection committee to the Phoenix campus recently.

Illinois Baptists Begin New Carbondale Building

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new office building of the Illinois Baptist State Association in Carbondale were held April 22, and construction is now underway, according to Dr. Noel M. Taylor, executive secretary of the association.

Among those on the program were the state secretary; L. H. Moore, Anna, president of the association; James M. Baldwin, Salem, chairman of the building committee; I. E. Lee, Du Quoin, chairman of the board of directors of the association, and Mayor John I. Wright of Carbondale.

Quarles Honored With Degree From Mississippi College

Chester L. Quarles of Jackson, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree by Mississippi College at its commencement exercises recently.

Dr. Quarles, well-known in Mississippi life, has been executive secretary for the state since April of 1950. He was formerly in state Training Union work in Alabama and southwide Training Union work with the Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Texas Baptists Set Record '53 Budget

A \$12,000,000 budget for 1953, an increase of \$2,000,000 over this year's, was set up by Texas Baptist leaders at their executive board meeting in Dallas recently. It is probably the record budget for any denominational group in one state.

Pending acceptance by the Convention's annual meeting in October, the budget includes \$3,000,000 for the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program and another \$3,000,000 for the state's co-operative enterprises, including eleven schools and six hospitals. The additional \$6,000,000 is for building and endowment for the same schools and hospitals.

Louisiana College Receives Gift For Library Building

The board of trustees of Louisiana College announced recently the receipt of a \$100,000 gift to the college for the construction of a library building. Donors of the gift are Mrs. R. W. Norton and Mrs. Nellie Norton Smitherman of Shreveport in memory of Richard William Norton, a pioneer Baptist preacher.

The college will receive the donation with the provision that it raise an additional \$300,000 to make a total of \$400,000 for the library building. College officials hope to begin construction as soon as the student center building, now under construction, is completed.

Suggestions Coming In For Houston Convention

A number of suggestions for improving the program and procedures of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual sessions have been received by Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee in Nashville.

In passing the suggestions on to the Committee on Order of Business, Routh points out that the suggestions have been neither considered nor approved by the Executive Committee but are forwarded only for information and further consideration.

1. "Why not close the program on Saturday noon? You could have a big evangelistic service on Friday night if you wanted, and plan to close everything out Saturday noon. There would always be plenty of pastors left to fill the pulpits of local churches on Sunday morning, but those who wanted to could be home to preach in their own pulpits on Sunday."

2. "Why not have the mornings devoted entirely to business, reserve the afternoon for committee meetings, sightseeing and resting, and have the great inspirational hours at night? This would encourage messengers to attend all of the sessions which are scheduled and would leave some time free."

3. "Why not put an adjournment hour on the night programs, and then stick to it? The preliminaries should be shorter or the introductory section made more brief so that the main speaker would have more time, if there is a main speaker, and yet not have to keep the crowd up most of the night."

4. "Give more time to reports with recommendations so the messengers would not feel they were taking the time of the next speaker if they asked a question. A large democratic body like the Southern Baptist Convention can function at its best only when sufficient time is given to head all sides of the question at hand. And a decision can be made on the basis of facts rather than impassioned appeals."

Any further suggestions for the program should be sent to Rev. A. B. VanArsdale, College Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, who is chairman of the Committee on Order of Business.

Ridgecrest Student Retreat Reports Biggest Attendance

Over 2,900 college and university students were registered for the annual Student Week retreat at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly June 4-11, according to Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Sunday School Board here.

Dr. Keegan described this year's retreat as the first "truly cosmopolitan" meeting, with twenty-two nations represented on the campus. He reported several conversions among the ones attending through the special effort to bring students of other nationalities to the retreat, among them a Chinese boy, a Chilean boy, a Cuban girl, and a Russian boy.

Layman Leads American Baptists Next Year

A Chicago layman, John A. Dawson, is the new president of the American Baptist Convention which met here recently. Mr. Dawson, an investment broker, succeeds Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, professor of missions and Oriental history at Yale University.

The American Baptists adopted a convention budget of \$6,800,000 for the 1952-53 fiscal year.

Editors' Comments on Convention

We give below comments of other editors of Baptist State papers on the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami. — Editor.

Editor W. Barry Garrett, Arizona Baptist Beacon, Phoenix, Arizona.

"It was no group of discouraged and disillusioned people who assembled at Miami. The messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention were filled with assurance and confidence. Repeatedly it was asserted that we have a great God who is able to perform in the world that which He has started to do. God is faithful and trustworthy, and we can have absolute confidence in Him."

Editor A. L. Goodrich, The Baptist Record, Jackson, Mississippi

"As might have been expected the Convention was cold to any suggestion of unionism. The president of the American Baptist Convention (Northern), Dr. Latourette, slightly mentioned it, said a few words about it, then admitted it was a dead duck. The brethren heard him with courtesy, but not with enthusiasm. It was a good speech, but a poor subject."

Editor W. G. Stracener, Florida Baptist Witness, Jacksonville, Florida.

"An attendance of 11,040 registered messengers would still have broken the previous record for a Southern Baptist Convention by 1,197, but the fact that it occurred in Miami on the very fringe of our territory makes it even more surprising than had it been in a city nearer the center of our Baptist population. Surely Miami Baptists were gratified at the response to their superb job of planning to care for every need of the host of messengers who came. They were wonderful hosts.

"Reflection upon the sessions for these few days since the close of the meetings leads us to say that it was a Convention of positive purpose, personal penitence, powerful persuasion, protective planning, progressive programs, prophetic preachers and projected power."

Editor John J. Hurt Jr., The Christian Index, Atlanta, Georgia

"We are not worried. Neither the increased membership of the Southern Baptist Convention nor the multitude at the annual sessions is going to force any drastic change in the organization.

"Let's be patient while progress proves there are no particular problems. Let's quit this talk about regional conventions or a Presbyterian form of government with a messenger representing a given number of Baptists.

"Limit the number of messengers? Never. We would lose the thrill of knowing we are so numerous. It will be the tragedy of our history if we ever find a city or an auditorium in which we have elbow room. What is the discomfort of limited hotel facilities as compared with the pride of increased interest as represented by messengers?

"Lose our democracy? Nonsense. We may as well face the fact that the committees and boards should be carrying the major responsibility. They cannot entrench themselves in power with our constitutional requirement for rotation.

"Have we surrendered our voice in our program? No. There seldom is a year when we don't turn a recommendation upside down and shake it apart. In fact, we Baptists normally are anxious to seize such opportunities."

Editor L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder, Raleigh, North Carolina

"Our great numbers are our pride and glory. They also present our greatest problem, danger, and challenge. The problems involved are: How have a deliberative assembly and preserve our democracy? How make our Convention efficient, both in its work during the year and at the annual meetings? How train and enlist these millions of church members?"

Editor Finley W. Tinnin, The Baptist Message, Alexandria, Louisiana

"Many remarked on the way the messengers remained in their seats throughout the long sessions. Even Saturday morning, the final business session, the auditorium was comfortably full. The manager of the Dinner Key Auditorium, where the sessions were held, said 'This Convention was the out-workingest group I ever saw.' He continued, 'People at other conventions went boating, fishing, and sight-seeing most of the time.'

"The messengers, however, remained in their seats despite the uncomfortable arrangement of the building, it is a recon-ditioned blimp hangar; and the inconvenience of going and coming, it is located five miles from the downtown section of the city."

Editor Reuben E. Alley, Religious Herald, Richmond, Virginia

"Sometimes observers form their estimate of the Southern Convention from the things which the great throng of messengers refrain from doing. Unfortunately a purely negative appraisal of this kind is often accepted with a sense of relief. That might be true of certain important happenings during the meeting at Miami, including the address by President J. D. Grey. Make no mistake, it was a statesmanlike deliverance, rating with the best. Yet most of the messengers likely interpreted his discussion of the historic purpose of the Convention, not so much as a clarion call to reaffirm their devotion to missions and education as an appeal by the president to forestall the injection of divisive issues. Southern Baptists must find a way to reconcile their differences before they can effectively apply their strength for the glory of God."

Editor S. H. Jones, The Baptist Courier, Greenville, South Carolina

"Constructive—this is the word which seems to designate the total spirit and actions of the Convention. To be sure there were minor exceptions. Also so much of the business was fixed routine as to make it rather dull. One could hardly say that it was a Convention in which remarkable forward strides were taken; still it was constructive and forward looking in general.

"Every agency and board of the Convention reported favorable conditions and well planned programs for the future."

Editor Leon Macon, The Alabama Baptist, Birmingham, Alabama

"On the whole, the general atmosphere of the Convention was pleasant, agreeable and co-operative. We recognize, however, that bigness does present its problem. Co-operation can be kept intact if we do not per-

mit our program to become too remote to most of our brethren. The appearance of new talent in the Convention is a good sign that this is being recognized. New faces and personalities appeared in leadership and on the program. Surely this should be encouraged."

Editor B. J. Murrie, The Illinois Baptist, Carbondale, Illinois

"The bigness of the territory also makes a problem with 22 states now having organized Conventions. The possibility that there will be others in the near future is certain. Indiana and Colorado may be next with perhaps Washington and Oregon dividing in the near future. Alaska and Hawaii are possible new Convention members. There seems no way to stop the growth even if we wanted to."

Editor R. T. Skinner, Western Recorder, Louisville, Kentucky

"More attention could be given to actual business of the body if less time were taken in presenting this and that group to the body for this and that purpose. We don't blame the institutions of learning for wanting to get their groups before the Convention for special programs. It is good advertising, and advertising pays. But the fact is thousands at the Convention came hundreds of miles to transact business and to get back home. We have this kind of program, and then wonder why the people begin to thin out, frequently, when important issues are to be considered. They are tired, just sitting through events that have nothing in the world to do with the actual business of the Convention."

Editor H. H. McGinty, The Word and Way, Jefferson City, Missouri

"Another suggestion: Let the state association or conventions nominate to the Southern Convention, two persons for each vacancy that is to be filled on Southwide boards, commissions, and standing committees.

"Under the present plan the president appoints a committee on committees with a representative from each state. This committee in turn appoints the committee on boards and other important committees. Granted that each member seeks to use his best judgment, this is a great deal of authority to be put in the hand of one committee. If the members of these boards, commissions, and committees, should be nominated by the several states which they represent, this would bring the source of authority much nearer to the masses of people. Each state organization could set up a special committee to act at the Southern Convention in nominating persons to fill vacancies which may be created by death or removal from the state subsequent to the state meetings."

Editor Jack L. Gritz, The Baptist Messenger, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

"We are told that there are now so many churches with so many members and that so many messengers attend the annual meetings of the Convention that we have lost our basic Baptist democracy.

"As far back as 1920 there were 8,355 registered messengers at the Convention in Washington. Every year since World War

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Lost - Strayed - Or Stolen - You Can Help!

J. D. GREY, *President*
Southern Baptist Convention

If there have been more than 6,000 messengers. In Oklahoma City in 1949 there were 9,393 messengers and no one who was there can doubt that it was a democratic meeting.

"The Convention that year repeatedly rejected the carefully worked out recommendations of its committees to vote by overwhelming majorities for substitute motions. Some of them we thought were good and some bad. But there can be no question that the will of the majority found expression."

Editor Richard N. Owen, Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tennessee

"There is nothing else like it anywhere—the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The fellowship, the inspiration, the consciousness of a great bond of common loyalty and purpose welding thousands of messengers from churches over a wide area into one mighty host thrills your soul."

Editor David M. Gardner, Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas

"We believe we will all agree that those who were responsible for planning the Convention did a superb job. Albert McClellan announced to the press Tuesday evening before the Convention opened on Wednesday that he had prepared for the press a copy of all major addresses scheduled for the entire Convention—with two exceptions. All editors and reporters like that type of service.

"We will have a better auditorium for our Convention in Houston next year than we have had in several years, but we doubt if there is a more beautiful city than Miami anywhere in America. Miami, Florida's major city, bedecked by myriads of tropical flowers, palms, and trees, constantly caressed by balmy breezes from the Atlantic, is what the poets call a 'perfect poem of nature.' And to top it all, we had an angel for a host. Dr. C. Roy Angell, popular pastor of the Central Baptist, Florida's largest church, did himself proud as a host pastor to Southern Baptists."

Editor John W. Bradbury, Watchman-Examiner, New York City

"For the courtesies extended to **The Watchman-Examiner** by the Southern Convention, especially through the office of Albert McClellan, we are deeply grateful. A genuine spirit of Christian hospitality and co-operation controlled the entire Convention. Great unity and harmony were manifested. For such a great body of people to undertake to be deliberative and still keep its good nature and poise is nothing short of a miracle, but it happened.

"Southern Baptists are discovering anew our supreme distinctive, and that is the New Testament revelation of the church. There is nothing distinctive about possessing the Bible or believing the evangelical doctrines, for these are common to many denominations. It is their ecclesiology which makes Baptists a distinctive people—their view of the church. It is wrong ideas concerning the church which divides Christians. What is right? Baptists say that the answer is in the New Testament. This year, the Southern Convention restored this emphasis. Some penetrating expositions were delivered. It is to be hoped that more will follow, for at Miami the subject was explored in depth but not sufficiently in breadth or height."

Nearly two million Southern Baptists, for all practical purposes, are "lost, strayed, or stolen." One out of every four members is non-resident, inactive, or simply "off duty" for Christ.

Southern Baptists are "facing up" to their responsibility in the matter. All our resources and strength are being brought into action. Convention-wide "Transfer Church Membership Week" is set for September 14-21.

You can help! Your pastor and your church will help. Your Association, State Convention, and Southern Baptist Convention will help with every worker and facility at their disposal. And yet you, as an individual church member can help. What you can do cannot be bought with money. It cannot be done by committees, employed personnel, or anybody else but you!

Yes, you can help! This is a spiritual problem. Approach it in a spiritual manner. Get it on your heart. Pray about it daily at specified times. Pray for the entire Convention-wide effort. Pray for Dr. Matthews, our general leader, and every worker involved. But also pray for the vast army of the unenlisted, non-resident members we are trying to reach. Perhaps you have a personal friend or loved one listed in the group. Pray for that person in a special way every day. Ask the dear Lord to show him the error of his way, the joy he is missing, and the duty he has to transfer his church letter where he lives and "get on the firing line" for the Lord.

Then put feet and hands to your prayers.

Let's look at the record. Our statistician, Mr. J. P. Edmunds, says we have 1,900,000 non-resident members. That leaves 5,473,498 of us who are "resident." This means that 5½ million of us are going after the 2 million. This should not be too difficult. In the first place, nearly all of us have at least one loved one or personal friend who is a non-resident member. Write to this dear one urging him to transfer his membership to a church where he lives. Lay the matter upon his heart in an earnest loving manner.

You can help further by sending this person's current address to his home church. The church may have it already but this will insure their having it. The home church in turn will contact the absentee, suggesting his letter be transferred. In some instances this will correct errors on church rolls when the membership has been transferred already yet the proper record hasn't been made of it.

You can help too by sending the names and addresses of those non-resident friends and loved ones to a pastor in the community where they presently reside. Because there is a limited number of Southern Baptist Churches in the Northwest and Far West, it is requested that these be sent to the Executive Secretaries in those states. These names can be secured from your pastor or state secretary.

You can help the cause of Christ, your own denomination and your own loved ones. You will help, won't you?

"As You Lead . . . He Follows"

By K. O. WHITE
First Church, Little Rock

There you have it! You would expect such a heading to be followed by a ringing affirmation of faith in things spiritual and eternal, or a challenging call to the highest and holiest in life.

The words which constitute the heading of this article appeared in heavy, black face type in a quarter page advertisement in the **Arkansas Democrat** June 11, 1952, and at the bottom of the page pictured the hand of a small boy clinging to his father's-little finger.

Amazement and disgust filled the souls of many who discovered that this constituted an ad by the House of Seagram extolling the fine qualities of whiskey!

Briefly, the ad pictured the father-son relationship and magnified a boy's pride in his "dad" saying, "he'll be happy to see you reminiscing with old friends over a couple of drinks. He'll learn that whiskey belongs in the lives of men like his dad. . . And if he sees you drinking only moderately, he'll borrow the idea of moderation too!"

But listen to the next paragraph! "For many years, on Father's Day, it has been a tradition of the House of Seagram to reaffirm its basic philosophy of moderation in the use of fine whiskey. So once again, we say to the fathers of America:—As you lead . . . he follows . . . BE A GOOD LEADER!"

This sort of thing is plumbing the lowest

depths of cheap, contemptible, hypocritical, commercialism! To make use of the father-son relationship, to bring in Father's Day as an opportunity to popularize the drinking of liquor, and to suggest that a whiskey drinking father is being "a good leader" is simply going too far!

The Editor of the **Democrat** has received a strong letter of protest from this pastor and a number of his fellow preachers. Our church has discontinued its display ad and a number of our members have cancelled their subscriptions.

The House of Seagram has received similar protests. Surely a storm of protest should be heard all across the nation wherever this or similar ads appear.

So long as Christian people sit complacently and supinely on the side lines, or merely mutter under their breath, such inroads upon all that is high and holy will continue.

It is time to let the commercialized interests of degradation and destruction know that God still has a host of people in our nation who have not yet "bowed the knee to Baal!"

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Modesty is the art of encouraging people to find out for themselves how important you are.

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"Time wasted is existence; used it is life."

Training Union Department

RALPH W. DAVIS, Secretary

Summer Field Workers



Front Row: Ralph W. Davis, Jettavee George, Jean Garrison, Martha Sexton, Jacquelyn Coats, Gurtha DePriest, Laverne Harvill, Shirley Joplin, Mable Dean Marshall. Back Row: Edward Smith, Bill Lewis, Gilbert Nichols, Otis Fox, and Jesse Nutt.

During the week of June 14-21 six teams of summer field workers worked in the following six churches of Faulkner County Association: Brumley Chapel, Pickles Gap, Beryl, Holland, New Bethel and Lone Star. One of these churches, New Bethel, did not have a Training Union at the beginning of the work but Jesse Nutt and Shirley Joplin organized a Training Union with an Adult union, Intermediate union, Junior union and Primary department, and secured leaders for all these units of work. They had an enrolment during the week of 41, with an average attendance of 29, and there were three con-

versions. They began their summer field work meetings on Monday night and by Tuesday everybody wanted a Training Union. The other churches had Training Unions but the workers, in some cases reorganized the union, and in other cases organized new units of work. In the Holland Baptist Church, Gilbert Nichols, Jettavee George and Laverne Harvill organized a new Intermediate union and a Primary department. They had an enrolment of 57 with an average attendance of 38. At Lone Star, Martha Sexton and Mable Dean Marshall, had an enrolment of 41, though there are only about five families in the whole church. During the week there was one conversion and four rededications. At Beryl Church, Bill Lewis and Gurtha DePriest had an enrolment of 50, and during the week they enlisted 34 Bible readers. In the other churches the Training Unions were greatly strengthened. Although there are not as many teams of workers this summer as usual, these workers are doing an exceptionally good type of work. The week of June 21-30 they worked in Stone-Van Buren-Searcy Association after which they will attend the Arkansas Baptist Assembly. They will work in six other associations after the assembly.

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Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

Concord School of Missions

It was our privilege to be one of eighteen speakers in the Schools of Missions of Concord Association. Twenty-three churches participated. There were five foreign missionaries, four state missionaries, and nine home missionaries. It was this servant's privilege to speak in the following churches: Trinity, Immanuel, Grand Avenue, Calvary, and First, all of Ft. Smith; Levaca; Excelsior, and Jenny Lind. We also furnished mission films which were shown in Spradling and South Side Churches of Ft. Smith.

Everywhere we went the people seemed vitally interested in our mission program and some were even shocked at the needs in Arkansas but rejoiced in the program that we are now carrying on. There are very few programs that can be put on in an association that will arouse interest in missions and increase the gifts to the Cooperative Program more than good, well planned Schools of Missions. It is our hope that more of the associations will have Schools of Missions. It is our hope that more of the associations will have Schools of Missions in 1953. It is necessary, however, to plan now in order to get the speakers.

While in Concord Association I went with M. E. Wiles on a little tour which carried us over the fields of Kibler and Concord churches. Kibler has built a new building, with a small contribution from the Mission Department, and Concord Church has remodeled their present house. We also visited at Mountainburg, where Alma Church is sponsoring a mission. Brother Wiles will go there for a revival meeting in July, with the hope of getting a Baptist church organized.

Before turning attention from Concord Association, let me say that Missionary C. C. Roberts is doing a great work. Two or three churches which were practically dead a few years ago have been re-established and are already doing a great work.

NEW CHURCH AT ST. CHARLES

It has happened again! A church has been organized where one died thirty-five years ago. This time it was at the historical community of St. Charles. A church was organized there Sunday afternoon, June 22.

T. C. Cowden and Purl Stockton went there for a two weeks revival meeting with the missionary doing the preaching and Mr. Stockton conducting the music. A tent was placed on the ground where the original Baptist church stood, in a beautiful grove of

oak trees, next to the cemetery. There was great interest and the response indicated that the people were ready to organize a church. The Centennial Association, which was sponsoring the revival, voted its approval and assistance in organizing it. So with representatives from the churches of the association and other visitors, a church was properly organized with thirty-five members. As a coincident we may notice that after having no church for thirty-five years a new one was organized with thirty-five members. Missionary Cowden will serve as supply pastor.

As we sat together for the organization Sunday, June 22, we recalled that it was exactly two years before that we had a part in organizing Gillett Church where it had been twenty-three years since the Baptist church there ceased. At that time the Centennial Association had in their plans, as soon as Gillett Church was well established, to go to St. Charles and open work there.

This seems to be a wise way for an association to accomplish something definite—to adopt definite projects and ask the missionary to stay there and put it over. I would like to state that if the mission program is not successful in an association, the failure is due, largely, to the association not having any definite plans.

NEGRO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFERING

It is too early to give any report as to the amount of offering received for Negro Christian Education. It is our hope that people have become better informed and their interest aroused in regard to the needs of our Negro race. Some definite plans in regard to Negro work will be included in a five-year program the Department of Missions is planning.

We were impressed with what First Church in Little Rock did on Negro Christian Education Day. Some students of Arkansas Baptist College were invited to speak in the Sunday School departments, telling of their school and the service the school is rendering. Many fine remarks were heard in regard to the talks which were made.

PLANS FOR 1953

What are your evangelistic plans for 1953? Do you intend to have simultaneous revivals in your association? If so, make your plans now. Set up the work. Call on us if you need help.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

Attention, Community Missions Chairmen!

One of the most challenging opportunities promoted by our denomination is scheduled for the week of September 14-21. It is "TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WEEK" and is an effort to enlist those nearly two million (25.5 per cent of the membership of Southern Baptist churches, to be exact) who are "AWOL." It is Community Missions!

Be sure to read carefully the editorial on page 3 and the more detailed discussion on page 8 of the last issue of the Arkansas Baptist. Clip those articles. Confer with your pastor about your church's plans. Study those pages with your community missions committee. Plan for every member of the W.M.U. to participate. Mobilize children to reach children, young people to reach young children, women to reach women. You will notice the suggested schedule:

1. Locate non-resident Baptists, September 7.
2. Visit them during week of September 13-20.
3. Climax efforts by bringing them to church, helping to bring them to decisive victories—aligning themselves with the church and becoming active in the church.

All efforts to be victorious must be undergirded by much PRAYER—special prayer meetings and individual petitions.

Be ever alert to the unenlisted about you, but during the days specified by our Southern Baptist Convention, may we intensify our efforts. If, per chance, there is to be no church-wide "campaign," lead your W.M.U. into such an activity, after having conferred with the pastor.

ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

September 30-October 1 are the days set apart for an intensive conference with certain district and associational W.M.U. officers and chairmen—district presidents and young people's leaders; associational superintendents, associate superintendents, young people's leaders, mission study chairmen, community missions chairmen, stewardship chairmen. During the time set apart for this conference there will be periods for consideration with state officers and chairmen of Convention-wide plans linked with state plans, all meeting local needs. There will be hours of inspiration. It is an intensive effort to charter the course of Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union through the channels of district and associational organizations. It is an important meeting.

The officers—those who will be chosen to lead during the year 1952-53 — as listed above should plan now to attend. The place of meeting will be Petit Jean. The cost will be nominal. Associations are encouraged to bear the expenses of their officers—an investment that will pay real dividends. However, such value is placed on this meeting by the state organization, that expenses not otherwise taken care of will be borne by the state.

Associations, elect officers early in order that they may profit by this conference. Make attendance possible by bearing expenses, sharing transportation, etc.

ACT, BWC'ERS!

The annual, state-wide BWC Conference will be held at Ferncliff, the "little Ridgecrest of Arkansas," July 26-27. The program is scheduled to begin at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and will close with the noon meal on Sunday. Many periods of helpful conferences have been crowded into the schedule. Periods of inspiration will be led by Miss Ruby Earhart, representative of the Home Mission Board, and Miss Elma Cobb, state Stewardship chairman. Missionary messages will be brought by Mrs. Laz Lessa, native of Brazil, and Miss Jane Averitt, missionary-teacher to the Indians of South Alabama. Conferences on circle plans will be conducted by Mrs. J. C. Fuller, state BWC adviser, Mrs. Albert Buck of Texarkana, Misses Dollie Hiett, Frances Winstead, and Nancy Cooper of Little Rock, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar of Danville. Mrs. Lucille Reynolds, president of the state federation, will preside.

REGISTRATION FEE of \$1 per person should be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, IMMEDIATELY! The balance of \$2.50 is payable upon arrival at Ferncliff. Information has been sent to each BWC Chairman. If additional information is needed, contact Miss Cooper.

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What Ridgecrest Meant To Me

By JACQUE WELLS

Ridgecrest! There's magic in the very name. For a long time I had heard people talk about how wonderful it was to go to Ridgecrest and this year I had the privilege to go during B. S. U. week. It was an experience I shall never forget.

Ridgecrest means so many things. It means having a prayer date with a young person from another state and going to a quiet, shady little spring and reading the Bible and praying to the God you love so much. It means hearing the very finest speakers such as Dr. J. D. Grey, Howard Butt, Dr. Duke McCall, and many, many more who filled our hearts with inspiring messages and consecrated lives.

Ridgecrest means an auditorium so full of people that they are sitting on the steps and when they sang it seemed as if the roof would actually be lifted off the building. Ridgecrest means going to classes and seminars and learning how to be witnesses for Christ in our daily lives. It means the Sunday services when hundreds of young Christians streamed down the aisles dedicating their lives and talents to Christian

service and witnessing. It means the thrill of hearing college athletes stand up and say that they will set a definite time each day to pray and that other college athletes all over the South will be praying with them.

It is not Ridgecrest that is so important, it is the fact that you are on a mountain where God is. Ridgecrest can mean nothing until you empty your heart of worldly things and the many sins and truly let God into your heart. When I think of Ridgecrest I think of Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings," for it was on this mountain top that I realized anew the good tidings that Jesus was my Savior.

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Why Not Include Youth In Brotherhood?

By NELSON TULL, Secretary

Why not an integrated program of Christian work which will include men, young men, adolescent boys, and boys in later childhood? We are thinking here NOT of an organization which will include all of the above groups; but instead of the effective organizations of each of the groups, with a graduation of work and a correlation of each group with the other groups, and an integration of the whole into a mighty and sustained and continuing effort.

1. To start boys in Christian work while they are children.

2. To continue this work through the early stages of adolescence, into young manhood, and through young manhood into and throughout adult life.

Here are some FACTS:

1. Many of our Baptist boys are being lost to God's service. In many areas it is strikingly seen that boys are not coming to church. Many Christian boys are not participating in the work program of their church. This is the rule and not the exception.

2. Boys who stay away from church grow up into men who stay away from church.

3. Throughout the Southern Baptist Convention 75 per cent of the Baptist men are having no part whatsoever in the work of their church. Probably many of these blackslidden men lost out in adolescence and in young manhood, because nothing effective was done by their churches to hold them in God's service.

4. We are not going to drift into a better state of things. The trend is the other way. What is needed is a strong, well planned and intelligent, sustained, determined and purposeful effort to: 1. Reach boys for Christ and the church and Worldwide missionary endeavor; 2. Enlist them in the work of their church; 3. Keep them active in God's work through their adolescent years into and throughout adult life.

Four Age Groupings

There are four age groupings which should be included in the master plan. They are:

1. Boys 9-12 (In later childhood).

2. Boys 13-16 (In early adolescence).

3. Young Men 17-24 (In later adolescence).

4. Adult Men.

A different program of work for each group is essential. Junior boys are very responsive. During this age-range boys are eager and ready to follow the leadership of men. Boys who get started here in Christian service generally go further in their service to their Lord.

Intermediate boys have arrived at the age of decision. How they get through early adolescence is going to determine in large measure the pattern of life they shall follow. If boys are lost to God's service here, most of them are lost for life. And it is well for us to know that every temptation the devil knows is turned loose upon boys in this group. Shall we stand by and let the devil destroy the usefulness of these boys for life?

Young men in later adolescence are men in the making, and almost made. It is an age of cynicism for those who are outside God's will. It is an age of rapid development and crystallization of character whether good or bad. It is the age of the finishing touches for adult manhood. How young men need to be active for their Savior through this period that they may arrive at the portals of full-grown manhood thoroughly possessed by Jesus Christ and thoroughly committed to Him and to His work!

"Train up a child in the way he should go," etc.

Adult men are largely set in their ways. And if their pattern of life leaves little room for God and His work, not only do they have an exceedingly difficult time making those adjustments which will help them become effective Christians, but those who work with them find them slow to respond to God's will and God's work. How wonderful it is to find adult men who are set in God's ways! We suggest:

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MRS. B. W. NININGER, Director

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16. She has served for three years as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, North Little Rock, where she also maintains a studio of voice and piano.

Mrs. Simmons, the former Miss Marcella Johnson, was head of the music department of Central College and director of the college choir and glee club. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. She has done special graduate study with Dr. J. Campbell Wray, Walter Robert, and Dr. Helen Hewitt, and has served as instructor in Piano, Voice, and Conducting in the Seminary, and at East Texas Baptist College.

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courses being offered to the musicians of Arkansas in the Leadership School. Advanced registration for the school is necessary to assure adequate accommodations in the dormitories and dining hall at Ouachita. The school lasts from Monday, August 11 at 10:00 a. m. to Saturday, August 16 at 3:00 p. m. in order to allow 18 hours of class work for those desiring one hour of college credit. However, the non-credit courses will terminate on Friday night with the great Choral and Dramatic Festival.

Cost of the school is \$20, which cares for bed, meals and admission to all classes. The package of music to be used in the school will be on sale at the Book Store, cost not to exceed \$2. Churches are urged to make it possible for their music leaders and accompanists to attend.

Send in your registration at once to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. No money is required in advance. Bring your check with you, made out to "The Church Music Department."

Sunday School Department

DR. EDGAR WILLIAMSON, Secretary

New Leaflet For Junior Workers

A new leaflet, "The Junior Section of the Weekly Officers and Teachers Meeting," is now available. This leaflet was prepared by Mrs. Lillian Moore Rice, Superintendent of Junior work, Baptist Sunday School Board. It is written in the form of a question and answer discussion, and contains many helpful suggestions to workers with Juniors. Write to your State Sunday School Secretary for your copy.

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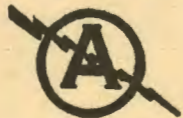
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Deborah, A Woman of Courage

By Mrs. HOMER D. MYERS

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Sunday School Lesson for

July 13, 1952

Judges 4:4-10, 13-16

The trend of thought in this lesson is **LEADERSHIP**, and successful leadership must be the right sort, preferably **CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP**.

Deborah served as judge in Israel between the days of Joshua who led in the conquest of Canaan, and the kingdom under the reign of Saul, David, and others. The very fact that Israel tolerated a woman judge is proof that a national emergency existed. It meant there was not a man available who was capable of leading that nation of people. Any nation, community, or church is in a poor state of affairs when there isn't a man to lead the people.

Israel's national decline had run in cycles; Israel had the habit of backsliding; God would punish them by allowing an enemy to go to war against them; Israel would repent and seek forgiveness; God would send deliverance through some worthy person such as Gideon, Deborah, and others.

A WOMAN URGES PROGRESS

At this time in their history, Deborah, who was also a prophetess, called Barak the general of the army to her and told him what to do to disperse their latest enemy, Jabin, the king of Canaan, and his general, Sisera. But Barak was afraid. He admitted it. He had not the courage to go to battle against Sisera; however, if Deborah would accompany him he would consent to gather an army and fight, but not one step would he go without the woman's presence. Deborah consented to go; her great courage came in good stead, but she warned the general that a woman would get credit for saving Israel, which would be quite disgraceful, and she was not referring to herself. An unknown woman, Jael, who lived near the battle field had the opportunity to slay the wicked Sisera, after his entire army had fled or had been slain.

Israel prospered according to their leadership. So shall we. Righteous leaders such as Joshua, Samuel, and David led the nation courageously and righteously, but wicked leaders invariably brought destruction and divine judgment. The freedom and success we enjoy in America is due to the degree of righteousness that has been maintained through the short history of the nation. But our nation is facing a crisis today; confusion reigns because sin has enveloped us.

CHURCHES NEED LEADERS NOT OPPOSERS

We have known churches as destitute for leadership as was Israel. We have seen small rural churches that would have died had it not been for the faithful women who carried on with the help of a sacrificial pastor. With all due respect to the women, such a situation is difficult for any pastor.

We have known other churches with a fine group of men, intelligent men, but men who were afraid to take a stand; always fearful of crossing somebody else. Some people know what they want, but they have not the courage to stand up and state their convictions. And again, the pastor carries the burden of leadership practically alone.

But the saddest situation among our churches is caused by those who would be leaders, but who think only in terms of opposing progress. **Opposition is not leadership.** It is the opposition that defers progress. Some seem to think God brought them "to the kingdom" at a particular time for the mere purpose of opposing the progress of some church, and it is usually done under the guise of "orthodoxy." When orthodoxy turns into self-righteousness the offended becomes the offender. We need to keep our eyes on the goal, the real need in each of our fields of service, and let the Lord work out the details.

The scripture says: "Be strong and of a good courage," God needs red-blooded he-men to carry on His work. If men are not available, He can use the women; but the men can do a better job of it, and they should be delighted for the opportunity.

From time immemorial, the work of our Lord has needed courageous leadership. The best pastor in the land cannot carry on alone and accomplish for Christ. Baptist work is co-operative work; a fellowship of many workers. Paul said, "We are laborers together with God." The pastor is just one worker, he cannot do it all. He should have the hearty co-operation of his entire membership, and he must have some courageous backing if the cause of Christ succeeds.

THE LORD LEADS THE LEADERS

The Israelites had drifted along for 20 years while the Canaanites oppressed them and threatened their existence. The time had come in Deborah's day when it looked as if complete destruction

was facing God's people, for Sisera was camped between Hirosheth and the river Kishon with 900 chariots of iron, which were ancient army tanks, ready to pounce upon Israel in all-out war.

Israel had no up-to-date implements of war. They were no equal for Jabin's army and equipment. But Israel had a great God, and finally they called upon Him for deliverance. After Deborah and Barak had gathered 10,000 soldiers to battle, Deborah said, "Up: for this is the day . . ." "Is not the Lord gone out before thee?" The Lord had already delivered the enemy into Israel's hands through the work of nature.

It is thought that floods from the river Kishon had overflowed the enemy's campground and bogged their chariots down, and when Israel's army came upon them, the soldiers fled for their lives on foot, leaving their general Sisera to flee alone.

Notice the significance of Deborah's statement: "This is the day . . ." All preparation had been made and the time had come for action. God's children should use wisdom and good judgment in carrying on His work, under His leadership of course. We have

seen people who are overly cautious, afraid to go forward for Christ. We have seen a few churches make serious blunders through the influence of inexperienced leadership. Between the two is a happy medium; we should strike a balance between false economy and extravagance. We should go forth to battle with the zeal of Deborah. We should not sit idle for long periods of time while the enemy gains the territory, as Israel did.

We rejoice to see new leadership being developed continually in the churches; we need it. We need many more people who will conscientiously study the needs of their individual churches, who will have the courage to suggest steps of progress to their pastors, and to their churches. So few people ever approach the pastor and suggest physical improvements for the church, but there is certain to be those to criticize if the pastor emphasizes the need for improvement. Could it be because they are afraid it will cost them something?

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(Continued from June 26)

CAREY—Place: Bearden; J. T. Elliff, Fordyce, moderator; C. H. Seaton, Sparkman, V-moderator; A. P. Elliff, Bearden, clerk; W. E. Summers, Bearden, treasurer. Time: October 10.

MT. ZION—Place: Mt. Zion Church. Reese Howard, Jonesboro, moderator; A. E. Fortinberry, Jonesboro, clerk; A. F. Muncy, Lake City, treasurer. Time: October 14-15.

ROCKY BAYOU—Place: Calico Rock; W. H. Horne, Sage, moderator; Hayden Davis, Sidney, clerk; Herman Dover, treasurer. Time: October 14-15.

BARTHOLOMEW—Place: Ebenezer. N. R. Griffin, Monticello, moderator; L. R. Reeves, Monticello, clerk-treasurer. Time: October 16.

DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE—Place: Bluffton; D. W. Alderson, moderator; Sidney Oxendine, Dardanelle, clerk; Clarence Cornett, Russellville, treasurer. Time: October 16.

HOPE—Place: Stamps; J. W. Royal, Lewisville, moderator; James Harris, Texarkana, V-moderator; L. B. Burnside, Texarkana, clerk; Ellis Bull, Texarkana, treasurer. Time, October 16.

NEWTON COUNTY—Place: unknown. Ernest Cheatham, Deer, moderator; R. M. Abell, Jasper, V-moderator; Elmer R. Casey, Parthenon, clerk; J. Rymer Twyman, Jasper, treasurer. Time: October 18-19.

BENTON COUNTY—Place: Bentonville; Rel Gray, Rogers, moderator; Audrey Thomas, Siloam Springs, V-moderator; James Overton, Bentonville, clerk-treasurer. Time: October 13-16.

CENTENNIAL—Place: East Side Church, DeWitt; L. E. Ross, Dewitt, moderator; Howard Burton, Stuttgart, V-moderator; Prentiss Greer, Stuttgart, treasurer. Time: October 20-21.

WOODRUFF—Place: McCrory; W. T. Byram, Augusta, moderator; Ray Tatum, Cotton Plant, V-moderator; R. D. Harris, McCrory, clerk; Mildred Stephenson, Augusta, treasurer. Time: October 21.

CAROLINE—Place: Biscoe; Ernest Baker, Ward, moderator; Roy Adams, Biscoe, V-moderator; C. R. Cooper, Des Arc, clerk; L. G. Gatlin, Carlisle, treasurer. Time: October 21-22.

MISSISSIPPI—Place: Calvary Church; E. C. Brown, Blytheville, moderator; Guy Magee, Manila, V-moderator; J. E. Cox, Blytheville, clerk; E. H. Crook, Blytheville, treasurer. Time: October 23.

DELTA—Place: Wilmot; Theo James, McGehee, moderator; L. J. Ready, Eudora, V-moderator; Dillard Miller, Eudora, clerk; Harold O' Bryan, Wilmot, treasurer. Time: October 23-24.

HARMONY—Place: South Side Church; Tom Graves, Pine Bluff, moderator; Carl Overton, Star City, V-moderator; Homer Bradley, Pine Bluff, clerk; Jesse Reynolds, Pine Bluff, treasurer. Time: October 23-24.

ARKANSAS VALLEY—Place: unknown; H. L. Lipford, Brinkley, moderator; B. A. Sugg, Helena, V-moderator; B. A. Miley, Marianna, clerk-treasurer. Time: October 28.

GREENE COUNTY—Place: Childress Chapel; D. C. Applegate, Paragould, moderator; J. O. Miles, Cardwell, Missouri, V-moderator; Mrs. N. P. Cartwright, Paragould, clerk; J. A. Edwards, Paragould, treasurer. Time: October 28-29.

TRI-COUNTY—Place: First Baptist, West Memphis; Boyd Baker, Wynne, moderator; Fred Sudduth, Wheatley, V-moderator; T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, clerk; Nall Brantley, Forrest City, treasurer. Time: October 28-29.

TRINITY—Place: Lepanto and Fisher; W. F. Carlton, Marked Tree, moderator; D. O. Northrip, Harrisburg, V-moderator; John Basinger, Truman, clerk; Clyde King, Marked Tree, treasurer. Time: October 28-29.

BLACK RIVER—Place: Swifton; J. V. Chandler, Hoxie, moderator; M. S. Lloyd, Tuckerman, clerk; J. I. Cossey, Southern Baptist College, treasurer. Time: October 20-21.

RED RIVER—Place: Harmony Hill; S. M. Cooper, Arkadelphia, moderator; Dale McCoy, Gurdon, V-moderator; J. T. Daniels, Arkadelphia, treasurer. Time: October 2-3.

We Need A Stewardship Revival!

Brethren, we need a stewardship revival in Arkansas! (1) For the sake of an all-out program of evangelism. About one-half of the total population of our state is un-evangelized. One survey shows over 300,000 boys and girls under the age of sixteen years in Arkansas to be lost.

(2) **For the sake of State Missions!** The fields are literally "white unto harvest but the laborers are few." We need at least 300 more Baptist churches in Arkansas. Mission churches should be established. More Sunday Schools and Training Unions are needed. A stewardship revival will help bring these needed things about.

(3) **For the sake of Home Missions!** We are told that over seventy-nine million people live within the boundaries of the Southern Baptist Convention and that over forty million of these are unevangelized. Again, "The fields are white unto harvest but the laborers are few." We need a stewardship revival to help meet this need.

(4) **For the sake of Foreign Missions!** We are told that over four-fifths of the world's population is unevangelized. Again, we acclaim with all our strength, "The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few."

(5) **For the sake of Christian Education!** Our schools need help badly. A revival of Christian stewardship will provide this needed money.

(6) **For the sake of our Orphanage!** We need more buildings there. Proper Christian Stewardship will again provide.

(7) **For the sake of our Hospital.** Money is badly needed for enlargement of our hospital in Little Rock. We must provide adequate support for its school of nursing. A stewardship revival will again provide.

(8) **For the sake of other worthy objects of our labors** such as Aid for aged ministers and their wives, Ministerial Education, Arkansas Baptist Foundation, and other worthy objects of our support. A stewardship revival will provide all this and more!

Most of all, we need a stewardship revival for the sake of what it will do for the individual. The Lord said He would open the windows of heaven to those who would bring the tithe into the storehouse! We need a stewardship revival that we might not "close windows" against ourselves.

Can we have it? Of course, we can! Start NOW to plan for your stewardship revival this fall, November 2-9, or as near to that date as may be convenient for you. Advertise the revival, pray about it and preach about it. We need a stewardship revival in Arkansas!

Move Your Church Membership

If you live in one place and your church membership is in another place, you should move your membership. Dr. C. E. Matthews of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, is conducting a south-wide campaign called "TRANSFER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP WEEK." The particular week in which this special effort is to be brought to a climax, and to its fruition is September 14-21. Every church in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention is laying particular emphasis upon this all important question, and is urging Baptists everywhere to become active members in the church where they live.

There are several reasons why a Christian should be a member of the church that he can attend every Sunday. In the first place, if one moves into a new community and carries everything except one's church membership, one is putting the interests of the church in the back part of his life. He cannot prove that he has one whit of interest in the Lord's kingdom work. It is difficult for many people to believe that the Lord has regenerated the soul of a man if such a man persists in ignoring the churches, and their services. While we believe that one can be regenerated and absent himself from church services, yet it is not consistent, and it is not likely that a regenerated person will continue to practice such inconsistency. One cannot live as good a Christian life without attending church as one can if one attends the church services. Then, too, the commonly accepted Baptist Church Covenant pledges one to move one's membership. The following quotation is a pledge that you make when you join the Baptist church: "We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word."